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- IL-1007-112 Stage level floor structure. General view from downstage left, facing northeast, showing structural supports for the stage floor after some of the flooring was removed. Openings in the stage floor could be made by rolling eight movable sections to the side and down under the fixed floor (see sheet 4 of 9, notes 1A and 1B). Once opened, another floor section of the same size as the opening could be raised to stage level by a hydraulic ram (type D1). The movable section in the foreground is in the retracted position, with its top surface below the flange of the beam supporting the fixed floor. Compare it to the height of the un-retracted section to the left (see sheet 6 of 9, notes 2A and 2B).
- IL-1007-113 Stage level floor structure. In addition to the movable sections, there were hinged slots that could be opened in the stage floor (see sheet 4 of 9, note 4; sheet 5 of 9, note 2; and sheet 7 of 9, note 1). A remaining cast iron bracket is visible in the left foreground of the photograph. The actual structure for a hinged section is visible in the background, to the right of center. The hydraulic ram (type D) visible below the floor level is the south ram in the middle row; the view is facing north.
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- IL-1007-120 Stage basement. View of the downstage, right, hydraulic ram (type B) "star lift" and trap mechanism. The trap is in the retracted (open) position, but the opening in the stage floor was covered after the lift was taken out of service (see also sheet 8 of 9, details 5, 6A and 6B).